CLAIMS

1. Granule distributing apparatus which comprises a container (1) having a discharge opening (3) for a product to be distributed and is characterised in that a duct member (6) is connected to the discharge opening (3) and provides a distribution channel (64) for the product, the duct member (6) being foldable between a working position in which it projects away from the container (1) and allows passage of product through the discharge opening (3) and along the distribution channel (64), and a storage position in which the duct member (6) obturates the discharge opening (3) and extends over the top of the container (1).

2. Granule distributing apparatus according to claim 1 characterised in that ruffle means(6) is provided at a discharge end (67) of the distribution channel (64) to urge product to scatter as it is discharged from the channel.

3. Granule distributing apparatus according to claim 1 or claim 2 characterised in that a duct connector (4) is attached over the discharge opening (3) and carries the duct member (6).

4. Granule distributing apparatus according to claim 3 characterised in that the duct connector (4) attaches to the container (1) over the discharge opening (3) by a twist locking mechanism.

5. Granule distributing apparatus according to claim 3 or claim 4 characterised in that the duct connector (4) has an opening (43) surrounded by an upstanding wall (44), and the duct member (6) is configured so that an inner end rides against the top of the upstanding wall (44) to enable an entry end (63) of the distribution channel (64) of the duct member (6) to be brought into communication with the

opening (43), and thus the discharge opening (3) of the container (1), when the duct member (6) is in the working position.

6. Granule distributing apparatus according to any of claims 3 to 5 characterised in that a locking member (5) is provided which is manipulatable to locate the duct member (6) in the working position and prevent relative releasing movement between the duct connector (4) and container (1).

7. Granule distributing apparatus according to claim 6 characterised in that the locking member (5) also serves to close an entry end (63) of the distribution channel (64) when the duct member (6) is in the storage position.

8. Granule distributing apparatus according to claim 6 or claim 7 characterised in that the locking member (5) is carried by the duct connector (4).

9. Granule distributing apparatus according to claim 8 characterised in that the locking member (5) is manipulatable angularly relative to the duct connector (4) to locate the duct member (5) in the working position.

10. Granule distributing apparatus according to claim 9 characterised in that the locking member (5) is pivotally attached to the duct connector (4) for the angular manipulation by snap fit engagement of a pair of co-axial studs (5) with stirrup mountings (41).

11. Granule distributing apparatus according to claim 9 or claim 10 characterised in that the locking member (5) and container (1) have co-operable locking parts (53) (11) which are brought into engagement by the angular manipulation of the locking member (5) to prevent relative

rotation between the container (1) and the duct connector (4) when the duct member (6) is in the working position.

12. Granule distributing apparatus according to any of claims 3 to 11 characterised in that the duct member (6) is pivotally attached to the duct connector (4) whereby the duct member (6) is foldable between the working and storage positions.

13. Granule distributing apparatus according to any preceding claim characterised in that when in the storage position the duct member (4) extends over and substantially parallel to the top of the container (1).

14. Granule distributing apparatus according to any of claims 6 to 11, or according to claim 12 or claim 13 as dependent from any of claims 6 to 11, characterised in that the locking member (5) and the duct member (6) together with the duct connector (4) serve to form a composite cap covering the top of the container (1) when the duct member (6) is in the storage position.

15. Granule distributing apparatus according to claim 14 characterised in that the locking and duct members (5) (6) and the duct connector (4) are designed to shed water from the container (1) when they form the composite cap.

16. Granule distributing apparatus characterised in that the distribution channel (64) is tubular.